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Melazzo, April 26.

WE have just now advice, that Lieutenant-Admiral de Ruyter was arrived with his and the Spanish Fleet in the Bay of *Seracusa*, after having been engaged on the 22 instant, from four in the afternoon till eight at night, with the French Fleet, who then quitted the Fight, and stood off to Sea. Several of the Dutch Ships are very much torn and disabled, and two particularly have lost all their Masts. Three French Men of War are likewise arrived at *Messina*, being very much disabled; but what course the rest of the Fleet has taken we know not. The Spaniards are cutting down all the Mulberry-Trees about *Messina*, to spoil their making of Silk this Summer, and are already come within two miles of *Messina*. Yesterday the French and Messineses made a Sally to hinder them, but were repulsed with considerable loss. It is said here, that the King of Spain has given Monsieur de Ruyter a yearly Pension of 6000 Ducats.

Copenhagen, May 19. The Admiral Tromp, having been honoured by our King with the Order of the Elephant, is sailed with 12 Men of War to join those of our Ships that are already abroad, under the command of Admiral Juellen. From whom we have this following Account:

Extract of a Letter from the Heer Niels Juellen, commanding the Danish Fleet, before Wisby, in the Isle of Gotland, May 12.

After the taking the Suedes Ship, the *Charity*, mounted with 32 Guns, and the saving most of the Cannon of the other Ship, mounted with 42 Guns, which was burnt by the Suedes; I sailed with his Majesty's Fleet to the Isle of *Gotland*, and arrived there the 8th instant in the evening. Immediately I put a good number of Militia on board of several Vessels, in order to their making a descent the next morning very early, which was accordingly done, though they were opposed by 600 Suedes, commanded by Count *Oxersterne*, but our Men at last prest through, and became Masters of the Field, and the Suedes retired. The 10th, I marched to the Town of *Wisby*, and arrived there in the evening; I commanded three of my Ships to batter the Castle, as they begun to do next morning. Upon which, they within, after several discharges of their Cannon, desired to capitulate, and these conditions were agreed on:

I. The Land Port shall be delivered to the Besiegers this evening, and to morrow morning the Suedish Garrison shall march out.

II. The Garrison shall according to Military Practice march out to Colmar.

III. Not to take with them any Cannon or Ammunition.

IV. The Suedish Convoy may march out with due Passports, the rest to remain to the Besiegers.

V. The Besieged may only dispose of their Moveables.

VI. The Queen Christina shall not receive of the Goods or Revenues of the Island.

VII. All P. etensions shall be determined before the Garrison draws out.

All which Articles were accordingly punctually executed. And all the Inhabitants, as well Seculats as Ecclesiasticks took an Oath of Fidelity to our King. One of our Snaaws has taken a *Danzick*, laden with Provisions for *Sueden*, and brought her hither. A Ship come from the *Daler* in *Sueden* reports, that there lay 16 stout Men of War ready to sail.

Vienna, May 17. The Popes Nuncio, in the audience he had of his Imperial Majesty, to perform in the name of his Holiness the complement of Condolence upon the death of the Empress, is said to have added his prayer, that his Imperial Majesty would for the good of Christendom dispose himself the sooner the better to a third marriage. We are told, that some overtures have been made of a marriage between the Elector of *Bavaria* and the Dutchess Dowager of *Savoy*. Count *Montecuculi* remains still here, though there has been much discourse of his going to the Army, if not to command, yet assist with his Council.

Ratisbonne, May 21. Upon the Memorial presented to the Dyet, on the part of the Circle of *Burgundy*, it hath been resolved by the States, that pursuant to the resolution of the 13 of August 1674, the said Circle shall have the benefit of the Guaranty of the Empire; and that the Circles of *Westphalia* and that of the *Rhine* shall send their Troops to the assistance of the said Circle of *Burgundy*, and consequently to that of the Spanish Netherlands, which makes a part of the said Circle.

Strasburg, May 22. We have already told you, that the Imperial and Lorrain Troops were marched under the command of Prince *Pio* to *Lauterburgh*, the Imperialists, who were all Foot, passed the *Rhine* there, in order to their conjunction with the rest of the Imperial Army which lies near *Landaw*, but the Lorrainers, who consist in five Regiments of Horse, are returned, by order of the Duke of *Lorrain*, into this Neighborhood, and are at present quartered between *Wist* and this City: their business is to guard a certain Pass, and by that means to hinder the French from sending any Succors to *Philipsburgh* on that side of the *Rhine*. It is said here, that on Tuesday last, the Duke of *Luxemburg* stood ready to march with 160 Cornets of Horse, and six Battalions of Foot, from *Schlestadt*; but that upon the advice he received, that the Lorrain Troops above-mentioned, were returning this way, to have an eye upon him, he changed his resolution, and continues at *Schlestadt*, till the Troops he expects from *Flanders* are come up. It is not to be said what vast Magazines the French have provided at *Haguenaw* and at *Saverne*, where are likewise very great Garisons. Since the French have been possessed of *Deux Ponts*, they have been hard at work to fortifie it, and a great Sum of money hath been laid out upon that account; but at present orders are come from the King forthwith to demolish it. We expect every hour to hear, that the Imperial Army is marched, and many people here persuade themselves, that its first Action this Campagne will be at *Haguenaw*. By the next we shall certainly be able to tell you more.

From the Imperial Camp at Pulla, near Landaw,
May 22.